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Water Board to Meet Next Week in Pocatello

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A progress report on a comprehensive management plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer will be among the items on the Idaho Water Resource Board's agenda when it meets on Friday, September 22, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Pocatello.

The Board will hear a progress update from CDR Associates, hired to facilitate the process for developing framework for the ESPA management plan.

Other agenda items include a \$26,000 loan request from the Ranch Subdivision Property Owners Association north of Boise. The association is requesting the money to build an arsenic removal system for drinking water. The Board will also hear updates from the U.S. Farm Service Agency on the Conservation Reserve Enhanced Program or CREP – designed to take 100,000 ground water irrigated acres out of production across the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, and progress made on building the W-Canal aquifer recharge demonstration project near Wendell, the state's first managed recharge site scheduled to be finished next Spring.

The Board will hold a work session on Thursday, September 21 at the Holiday Inn. Both meetings start at 8:30 a.m. and are open to the public.

Note: The Board has scheduled an Executive Session from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. during the Thursday session to discuss ongoing litigation regarding the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. Executive Sessions are closed to the public.

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